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Office of Economics, Environmental Analysis and Administration

August 16, 2007

Harold Brewer Project Supervisor/Archaeologist Pacific Legacy, Inc. Eastern Sierra & Great Basin Division 621 West Line Street, Suite 201 Bishop, CA 93514

Dear Mr. Brewer:

I received your letter dated August 9, 2007, requesting that I consider retaining your company, Pacific Legacy, Inc., to participate in the development of the cultural resources section of the Environmental Impact Statement currently being prepared for the DesertXpress rail construction project between Victorville, CA and Las Vegas, NV. The Surface Transportation Board is a cooperating agency under the lead of the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) in that project. The FRA is responsible for retaining third-party environmental contractors in that review, and I believe the contractors have already been retained. If you have questions, please contact the Federal Railroad Administration.

Thank you for your letter and I am sorry that we cannot assist you.

Sincerely,

Victoria Rutson

Chief, Section of Environmental

Analysis

Surface Transportation Board